VZCZCXYZ0008 PP RUEHWEB

DE RUEHSA #2393 3271719 ZNR UUUUU ZZH P 231719Z NOV 09 FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0318 INFO RUEHII/VIENNA IAEA POSTS COLLECTIVE PRIORITY

UNCLAS PRETORIA 002393

SENSITIVE SIPDIS

DEPARTMENT FOR ISN/NESS HUMPHREY

E.O. 12958: N/A TAGS: <u>AORC KNNP IAEA ENRG SF</u>

SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA: NUCLEAR FUEL BANKS - SEEKING

CO-SPONSORS FOR RESOLUTION ON ANGARSK RESERVE

REF: STATE 120282

(SBU) Deputy Political Counselor delivered reftel message to Department of International Relations and Cooperation Deputy Director for Nuclear Disarmament and Nonproliferation Johann Kellerman on November 23. Kellerman said South Africa's general policy is not to co-sponsor any resolution that it did not help to draft. He added that Pretoria does occasionally make exceptions to this general rule and would look at co-sponsoring the Russian draft IAEA resolution to authorize the IAEA Director General to enter into agreements establishing the first international nuclear fuel reserve in Angarsk, Russia. GIPS